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With urgency that may not be denied, Reverberates upon the hearts own drum. Come! . . . Come! . . . for thou must come!

Come forth, O soul, This is thy day of power, This is thy day and this the glorious hour That was the goal

Of thy self-conquering strife. The love of child and wife-

The fields of earth and the wide ways of thought-Did not thy purpose count them all as

naught That in this moment thou thyself mayst give

And in the country's life forever live?

Therefore rejoice That in thy passionate prime,

Youth's nobler hope distained the spoils of

Time. And thine own choice Fore earned for thee this day, Rejoice! Rejoice to obey In the great hour of life that men call Death The best that bids thee draw heroic breath, Deep-throbbing till thy mortal heart be

dumb. Come! . . . Come! . . . the time is come! -Henry Newbolt, in the London Spectator.

The New Year.

For a long time-ionger, possibly, than most of us would care to admit-at regular intervals a new year has come to us, unchallenged and unknown, and taken complete charge of all our affairs.

The New Year is always an inexperienced youth. He brings with him no previous character. He carries no references nor reccommendations. He just comes takes charge of everything with unblushing forehead, and runs it to suit himself, without consulting our comfort or wishes in the slightest degree. The effrontery of such a proceeding is ap-

parent on its face. But why we should stand it is quite another matter.

Youth, of course, should always command our undiminished respect. So far as this rascally little youngster himself is concerned, we take off our hats to him. We greet him heartily. We admire his robustness, his rollicking figure, his air of enthusiasm and his evident ambition to excel. At the same time all of us know by previous experience that he is bound to prove incompetent. We have been fooled so many times before that we really ought to be ashamed of ourselves now if we should attempt to expect anything dif-

Perhaps it is some inherent defect in us, however, that we do not go on expecting it, and greet him always with such unfailing clamor, ringing bells over his advent, and generally conducting ourselves just as if we didn't even suspect that we were going to be fooled once more.

The worst of the matter is that he himself doesn't know or realize his thorough incompetence. He actually believes in himself really and honestly believes that he has a mission in life.

Maybe, after all, it is just the feeling of kindliness toward him on our part which makes us loath to undeceive him: which out of courtesy and true politeness, makes us pretend that we like him just because we dont want him to know the truth about himseif too soon.

He will find that out later on, of course. He will have certain moments of humility and discouragement himself, when he will come to weep with us over the mistakes he is making and we are making. He will come also to attain some measure of contrition over the sorry trick, he has, perhaps innocently enough, played on us. And no doubt also he will be of some service to us. His

cruelties may harden our fibre; his very insincerities may help to deepen our sympa-

But, after all, when all is said and done, the most that we may hope to do with him is to steal an hour or so occasionally, when he is off his guard, and insist upon his dropping things and having a good time with us; in. sist for the time in forgetting responsibili ties and other deterrent influences on our spirits. Let us take these moments when we can, to make merry with this companion whom Fate has thrust upon us, and if. dur ing the rest of the time, he is forbidding, stern, unyielding and even revengeful, for some fancied wrong that we have done him, let us take comfort in the thought that he is only an imposter after all, and that in the end we shall triumph over him. -Thomas L Masson in January Lippincott's

Claiming our Rghts.

To give up some precious thing which is legitimately yours, to shut your eye upon visions of glory or safety or luxury which you might make your own without any blame, that is so truly one of the marks of nobleness that no man is accounted by the best standards truly noble who is not doing that in some degree. The man who is taking all that he has a right to in this life is always touched with a suspicion and a shade of baseness.

There is a paradox in it, no doubt-one of those moral paradoxes which make the world of moral study always facinating. Man has no right to take his full rights in the world; he is not wholly noble unless he sees the higher law which declares that all is not his to take which is his legitimately to own.—Phillips Brooks.

Father Christmas Previous.

(Answers.)

Henry was a man of six, which is the age of inquisitiveness, as his mother was beginning to discover.

"Mamma," he said, embarking on the two hundred and thirty-seventh question of the day, "does Father Christmas get his sleigh on Christmas Eve and drive to all the houses of the little boys and girls?"

"Yes," answered mamma. "And does he stop at each chimney and leave the right things?" proceeded Henry.

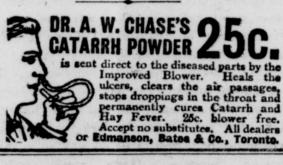
"Yes," "Iso't he pretty quick to visit all the little boys and girls in one night?"

"Well"-here Henry reached the climax-'do you know, I believe he plans ahead and does some of the work beforehand."

"What makes you think that?" said mamma," asking a question in her turn.

"Why," answered Henry, "because I notice he's got all my presents put away in one of the cupboards already."

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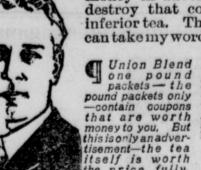
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All ratepayers whose surnames commence with any letter of the alphabet from M to Z, both inclusive, who reside in said District Number One. shall vote at or near the office of the Town Mar-shal in the Town Hall, down stairs.

Polling Places for District No. Two.

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